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Police seek information on Vanier Parkway crash

Ottawa provincial police seek witnesses to a collision on Saturday at 3 p.m. that saw a blue 1998 Volvo sedan leave the 417 and hit a guard rail along the Vanier Parkway overpass. Andrei Szilagyi, 20, has been charged under new racing legislation. Witnesses should call 613-270-9171. METRO OTTAWA

Ottawa

Clerk thwarts thief

Armed man flees after failed store holdup

A clerk at a west-end convenience store fought off a would-be armed robber around 4:55 a.m. yesterday morning.

A man armed with a small knife scuffled with a clerk at the Food Frenzy Grocery at 2910 Carling Ave after his demand for money and cigarettes was refused.

After punching the clerk

several times, the suspect fled south on Grenon Avenue.

The clerk did not require medical attention.

The suspect is described as a black male, between 20 and 30 years old.

He was wearing a white zippered jacket with a blue stripe on the sleeve, and blue jeans.

The same convenience

Witnesses

- Police ask anyone with information to contact the Ottawa Police Robbery Unit at 613-236-1222, ext. 5116.

store was held up on Aug. 16. In that case, the robber was armed with a gun.

METRO OTTAWA

Councillors grill candidates

Conservative, Liberal, New Democratic, and Green Party candidates will be put through their paces by city councillors at an all-candidates forum on local issues tonight at city hall. Members of council will be demanding to know of candidates how their party would help Ottawa continue to deliver transit, bridges, sewers, housing and social services. The forum is open to the public and starts at 7 p.m.

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Ottawa Farmer's Market Association President Andy Terauds said given the success of the market at Lansdowne Park, it should be given a permanent home in the Aberdeen Pavilion and in the parking lot north of the building.

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What's online today.

Read Guidy Mamann on the legal status of proxy marriages from other countries at www.metronews.ca/live. **Watch** as Jim Flaherty says voters care more about schools than income trusts at www.metronews.ca/canada. **Check** movie showtimes, trailers and reviews at www.metronews.ca/movies. **Play** online Sudoku!

Lotteries

Friday, Sept. 26

Super 7 10, 15, 16, 25, 29, 41 & 43. Bonus 12.

Saturday, Sept. 27

Lotto 6/49 11, 19, 29, 33, 44 & 46. Bonus 34.

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Sunday, Sept. 28

Ontario Pick 3 635

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Daily Keno 2, 4, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 22, 28, 32, 37, 40, 45, 54, 55, 56, 58, 61, 62, 67.

These results are not official.



Fallen officers remembered at police memorial service

TIM WIECLAWSKI
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Chris Skabar will never forget his friend Chris Worden.

With the one-year anniversary of the 30-year-old, Ottawa-born RCMP constable Douglas Scott of nearby Brockville died while responding to a call of an impaired driver in Kimmirut, Nunavut.

Their names, along with four officers etched on panels

Chris Skabar around the Memorial Pavilion on Parliament Hill brings closure.

"It was kind of a bittersweet honour to be able to do something like this for his family. Hopefully I never have to do it again, but it's part of the life we choose," said Skabar, who carried Worden's uniform during the Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service here yesterday.

Worden was shot and killed Oct. 6 last year in the line of duty in Hay River, N.W.T. Less than a month later, 20-year-old RCMP constable Douglas Scott of nearby Brockville died while responding to a call of an impaired driver in Kimmirut, Nunavut.

Their names, along with four officers etched on panels

Chris Skabar around the Memorial Pavilion on Parliament Hill brings closure.

"It's a sad day but it's also a very proud day. We're very proud of people who do these things for our country," said Don Letcher, grandson of Andrew Letcher, a game warden who died of foul play in 1967.

Nearly 4,000 officers from across Canada participated in the ceremony, held annually on the last Sunday in September.

Any redevelopment of Lansdowne Park must include permanent plans for the Ottawa Farmers' Market.

That's according to Andy Terauds, the Ottawa Farmers' Market Association president, who yesterday said the market would like to eventually have a permanent home in the Aberdeen Pavilion, and an area in the north parking lot.

"With all the claims that are being made of public lands by developers and hockey moguls, we

thought that we should make sure our stake is put in the ground so people know where we want to end up," he said.

The farmers' market is currently operating on a pilot program in the parking lot of Lansdowne Park until 2010.

Terauds said that given the market's success – an average Sunday sees 80 local producers selling goods to 8,000 visitors – a permanent home should be made there.

Cumberland ward Coun-

Development

• There is a proposal to redevelop Lansdowne Park that would include renovating Frank Clair Stadium, but it would also include condominium towers. The plan doesn't incorporate a farmers' market.

Clive Doucet, the councillor for Capital ward, which is home to Lansdowne Park, said he doesn't want the park to become privately-owned property.

He noted that Lansdowne has been a public park and a farmers' space for almost 150 years.

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OC Transpo is holding an open house today at 1500 St.Laurent Blvd. to get public input into artwork that will grace its new 110,000-square foot articulated bus garage. The garage will be located at 735-755 Industrial Ave. and is expected to open in the autumn of 2009. METRO OTTAWA

Parting wishes for city transit system

On Track



Nadine
Doolittle

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**Week in and week out,
I've held my tongue. But
this week – ah, heck – I'm
just going to come out
with it: Can our
Transitway stations get
any uglier?**

Uninspired, uniform,
soulless — if I wasn't wait-

ing for a bus, I'd swear I was in a fast-food restaurant.

It starts with the colour. Red. It catches the eye, but do we really need to see our bus station from space to identify it?

Then there's the design.

Wormholes of glass and curved metal tubes that dominate the landscape rather than integrate with it.

It's not like the architects had nothing to work with here to inspire them. Ottawa is the perfect rep-

resentative city for Canada. Blessed with rugged natural beauty, it is probably one of the few cities left in the world with true wild places in its environs. The nation's capital is drenched in history and rich in enterprise, but

you'd never know it waiting for a bus at Hurdman. Or Train. Or Campus.

Now that I've got that out of my system, it is hard to believe this is my last Metro column. I'm already experiencing withdrawal. As I ride off into the sunset, sentimentally tripping over a stroller and lamenting the lack of dogs on the bus, I leave with three wishes for OC Transpo and her loyal riders in 2009:

- 1) An automated voice announcement system on every bus. Drivers are human. Occasionally forgetful, sometimes shy, mostly unintelligible. Put them, and us, out of our collective misery and automate the stop announcements.

- 2) In the Bite the Hand that Feeds Me Dept.: I'd like to see cool, stainless-steel recycling bins at major bus stops so readers can more easily recycle their newspapers. Eh-hem.

- 3) The creation of an independent transit commission. An infrastructure of this importance, complexity and mind-boggling investment — the proposed light-rail transit plan — takes gritty single-mindedness, expertise and a complete lack of concern for re-election to bring it up to snuff. In other words, not a politician.

Thank you to all the readers who wrote in for the laughs, the insights and the arguments. And if you hear a woman unaccountably grumbling under her breath every time the bus stops at a Transitway station, stop by and say hello. That'll likely be me.

Nadine Doolittle is an award-winning writer and a public transit user for the past 35 years.

Has Adoption Touched Your Life?

visit www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo

If you were involved in an adoption in Ontario, you need to know about an important change to your information and privacy rights.

Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario adoption records will be opened. This means adopted adults and birth parents will be given access to identifying information from birth records and adoption orders.

If the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto to prevent the release of the information.

If you want your identifying information to be kept private, **you should file a disclosure veto before June 1, 2009.**

No contact notices are also available.

To learn more about your rights to information and privacy regarding adoption, visit www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo or call 1-800-461-2156 (TTY 416-325-3408).

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Suspect charged with 7 robberies

CRIME An Ottawa man is now facing charges in connection with seven downtown robberies between July 28 and September 12.

Police reported on the weekend that 38-year-old David Adams, who was arrested on Sept. 17 in connection with an ongoing investigation, has now been charged with six other robberies in Ottawa, including a theft at Hill's Cleaners on Elgin Street on Sept. 11.

Adams is charged with multiple counts of robbery with a weapon, possession of a weapon to commit an offence and a count of uttering death threats.

METRO OTTAWA

Teen girl found slain in Alberta town

Police in Edson, Alta., are looking for a killer after a teenage girl was found dead in the northwest part of the town early Saturday evening. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Puppy mill

A puppy mill in Rawdon, Que., was raided on Friday, where 110 dogs, seven cats and one rabbit were seized.

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Kyle takes aim at Maritimes

Tropical storm strengthens into hurricane off U.S. coast

Tropical Storm Kyle strengthened into a hurricane off the United States Saturday as it took aim at the Maritime provinces and New England, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

Kyle, which developed as a tropical storm Thursday, had top sustained winds near 121 km/h and was forecast to make landfall near the Maine-New Brunswick border early today.

Kyle was a minimal Category 1 hurricane on the five-step hurricane intensity scale. In its 11 p.m. advisory, the Hurricane Center said there might be slight weakening in Kyle before it hits the coast.

The hurricane — spawned by the 11th named storm of a destruc-

tive Atlantic hurricane season — was forecast to dump as much as six inches of rain over parts of New England, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island through today. It was also likely to cause large, dangerous surf in some areas.

Forecasters have predicted the six-month hurricane season, which runs through Nov. 30, could produce up to 18 cyclones. The warm sea temperatures and other factors that contribute to the formation of hurricanes are still in place.

The disturbed weather system from which Kyle developed drenched the Caribbean before it moved north into the Atlantic.

REUTERS



A man fights through high winds and rain created by Hurricane Kyle in Yarmouth, N.S., yesterday.

PAUL DAWSON/REUTERS

Aussie immigration model eyed?

OVERHAUL The Conservatives seem to be waiting for a majority government before they revolutionize Canada's immigration system the way the Australians have, pollster Michael Adams said.

Wholesale and "highly controversial" changes to the immigration system have the potential to alienate foreign-born Canadians and, consequently, little has been done to address the country's steadily deteriorating system, Adams said.

Tracking has shown skilled immigrants to Canada are poorer and un-

"It makes sense that (Harper's Conservatives) would do what the Australians have done to make sure immigrants succeed."

Michael Adams

deremployed compared to those from decades past, and also compared to those in Australia — where a massive overhaul in 1999 resulted in significant changes. Immigrants were

screened more rigorously, applications were handled in just three months and an environment was established where 81 per cent of people were working in appropriate jobs six months after their arrival, all under the conservative government of John Howard.

"Here's a government that admires many of the things of the conservative Australian government," Adams said of Harper's Tories.

"It makes sense that they would do what the Australians have done to make sure immigrants succeed."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Refugee nears 7th prison anniversary

SECURITY Critics call the prison where Syrian refugee Hassan Almrei spends his days "Guantanamo North."

As the sole prisoner at the specially built detention centre on the grounds of Millhaven penitentiary, Almrei is locked up alone, with guards looking in from an adjoining room. Next month,

he'll mark the seven-year anniversary of his incarceration on a "national security certificate" as the federal government continues to try to deport him as a danger to Canada.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Teen mother Tasered while holding her infant daughter

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

CONFRONTATION Police who Tasered a Vancouver teenager while she held her baby in her arms said they were worried that the girl, who they say is mentally disturbed, was going to smother her child.

Const. Jana McGuinness said police had spent three hours trying to negotiate with Misha Peterson, 16, who had been reported missing from her foster home.

She was eventually tracked down at the home of her 18-year-old boyfriend.

McGuinness said the baby has a life-threatening condition and Peterson refused to give him over to social service workers.

She added that Peterson was holding him in a way that that was making it difficult for him to breathe, and an officer stunned her as a last resort to get the child.

The baby was uninjured and is in the care of child welfare.

Transit fares to be included in all 2010 Olympic tickets

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

TRAVEL Spectators at the 2010 Olympic Games will have unlimited use of transit in Metro Vancouver and Whistler on days they hold Olympic tickets, TransLink confirmed yesterday.

The public transit costs will be covered by a "fulfillment/transportation" fee of \$4 to \$18 that will be tacked onto the tickets that go on sale at the end of this week.

VANOC, which an-

nounced the fees Friday night, said the service charges are lower than most comparable sport and entertainment events.

For example, an \$86.25 NHL game has a "convenience charge" of \$7.50, or 8.7 per cent of the ticket's cost, according to Vanoc.

Also, as there will be no public parking at venues in 2010, TransLink said people should consider how they will travel during the Games. TransLink is bringing in an additional 200 buses to cover the extra traffic.

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The number of people who have died from the listeriosis outbreak linked to Maple Leaf Foods has reached 19. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

5 women chosen for radio wedding contest

KRISTA SYLVESTER
Metro Canada

After a demanding process of lie detectors, psychology tests and criminal-record checks, five potential brides-to-be have been chosen — not exactly the typical dating process.

But that's the reality for these five brides chosen

for Energy 101.5's Two Strangers and a Wedding radio contest in Calgary, hoping to defy the laws of attraction and make real love happen — at the altar.

"Gruelling is a good word to describe the process," one of the potential brides told Metro. "But what single girl wouldn't want a panel of experts to do all that stuff for them?"

Program director for Energy, Rob Mise, said the process was meant to choose the most genuine brides in the contest for the right reasons.

"We're doing all the background work for them, and then they can focus on the heart and soul part of it and hopefully find true love at the altar," he added.

Toronto Dion celebrates 53rd birthday with cake



Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion cuts a piece of his birthday cake after speaking at the Liberal Celebration of Women in Politics rally during a campaign stop in Toronto yesterday.

2 Canadians hurt in Taliban attack

AFGHANISTAN An attack by Taliban insurgents on a combat outpost in the Panjwaii district of southern Afghanistan wounded two Canadian soldiers Saturday, military officials said.

The insurgents opened fire with guns and rocket-propelled grenades, according to Col. Jamie Cade, the deputy commander of Canada's forces in Afghanistan.

He said the soldiers, whose names were not released, were struck by shrapnel from the grenades.

One of the soldiers re-

"It's something we've dealt with many times before and will continue to deal with."

Col. Jamie Cade

mains in serious but stable condition. The other has been released from medical care.

The Panjwaii district, about 30 kilometres west of the city of Kandahar, has been the scene of intermittent fighting between Taliban fighters and Canadian

troops since the spring of 2006.

Cade said Saturday's attack followed standard practice for the Taliban and didn't constitute an escalation in violence.

"It's pretty much a standard tactic that we've been encountering," he said.

"It's not something we would consider worrisome. It's something we've dealt with many times before and will continue to deal with."

Cade declined to reveal the number of Taliban troops involved.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

News in brief

JUSTICE The call for a new agency in Canada to review alleged cases of wrongful conviction was enthusiastically endorsed Friday by the central figures in the David Milgaard

saga. Milgaard spent 23 years in prison for murder and was eventually cleared in the case.

REMAINS U.S. authorities have found human remains believed

to be those of Nathalie Fournier, 28, a Quebec woman who has been missing for four years. They were discovered by police in Malone, N.Y., Friday.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

An Italian woman who worked as a part-time judge as well as a lawyer was substituted by her identical twin sister in court so she would not lose out on legal fees when she had two simultaneous engagements. The 54-year-old twins have now been charged with fraud and will go on trial in January, Italy's leading newspaper, Corriere della Sera, reports. **REUTERS**

World



Clinton vows to aid Obama

Former U.S. president Bill Clinton said Republican John McCain is "a great man," but he expects Democrat Barack Obama to show "greatness" as president and will do what he can to get him elected on Nov. 4. Long dogged by questions about his commitment to Obama, who defeated his wife, Hillary, for the Democratic presidential nomination, Clinton said he admires McCain yet believes Obama would be the better president.

REUTERS

Israel to allow woman into Gaza to see father

Ottawa trio expect to visit ailing man today

An Ottawa woman and her two teenaged daughters were hoping to enter the Gaza Strip early this morning after Israeli authorities reversed an earlier decision and granted the trio permission to enter the troubled Palestinian territory.

"I am very, very happy," an exultant Saadiya Joha, 34, said last night after making the two-hour drive from Jerusalem to Erez Crossing, currently the only entry point into Gaza from Israel. "My kids are very happy. I want to see my father really bad."

The woman's 79-year-old father, Biab Joha, is in fail-

ing health in Gaza, and she feared he would die before she and her daughters had a last chance to see him.

"My kids are very happy. I want to see my father really bad."

Saadiya Joha

Joha and her two daughters — Fatima, 16, and Afaf, 13 — had hoped to cross into Gaza yesterday afternoon, but the border was closed by the time they reached Erez.

For the past two weeks, the trio have slept on the floor of a mosque in

Jerusalem, unable to afford a hotel, while waiting to learn whether the Israel Defense Forces would rescind an earlier decision denying them access to Gaza.

After entering Israel from Jordan by land on Sept. 14, the trio tried to enter Gaza, but Israeli authorities refused to let them pass. The Israeli military IDF gave no reason for its initial ruling or for its reversal of that decision yesterday.

But Itamar Shachar, spokesperson for Gisha, an Israeli agency that advocates freedom of movement for Palestinians, credited media coverage for the change of heart. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

U.S. election Obama to back bailout



Nine-year-old Alyssa Bowe listens to Democratic U.S. presidential nominee Barack Obama during a campaign rally outside the Detroit Public Library yesterday. Obama called the proposed \$700 billion U.S. economic bailout package an "outrage," but indicated he would support the legislation because the "stability of our entire economy" is at risk.

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Hostages now in Chad: Sudan

KIDNAPPING The Sudanese army said it had killed the leader of a group that kidnapped 11 Western tourists and eight Egyptians yesterday, and said the hostages were now in Chad, the state-run SUNA news agency reported.

The agency quoted a statement from the army as saying one of its units killed five other gunmen

and detained two in a gun battle near the Egyptian and Libyan border.

The army said "preliminary information" indicated the 19 hostages were inside Chad under the protection of 30 armed men. There was no comment from the Chadian government.

The army unit seized a white vehicle belonging to

an Egyptian tourism company along with papers linking the gunmen with the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA), a Darfur rebel group, according to the statement.

Several Darfur rebel groups fight under the name of SLA. It was not clear which faction the Sudanese army was referring to.

REUTERS

Police detain suspects over deadly bomb blast in Delhi

INDIA Indian police have detained more than 10 people in connection with a deadly bomb blast in a crowded New Delhi market, the second attack in the capital this month, officials said yesterday.

Police said they had witnesses who could identify the two men who dropped a plastic bag in the capi-

tal's busy Mehrauli market on Saturday before speeding away on a motorcycle.

A boy picked up the bag and ran after the motorcyclists to return it when there was a huge explosion, killing him on the spot. A 60-year-old man died in hospital later. Twenty-two people were wounded in the blast.

REUTERS

News in brief

IRAQ Four bombs killed at least 32 people and wounded scores in Baghdad yesterday as Iraqis shopped and broke their fast for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, police said.

GERMANY Conservatives in Bavaria suffered their worst result in half a century in a regional vote yesterday, dealing a blow to Chancellor Angela Merkel ahead of a 2009 federal election.

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Going Green

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ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



Leaders of nations worldwide know we are near more than one environmental tipping point. So they have met to hammer out agreements in crucial areas such as biodiversity loss and global warming.

Canada itself has acknowledged, through national planning and legislation, the importance of is-

sues such as species conservation and sustainable development. Many of these agreements and strategies must be addressed during the mandate of the government we elect Oct. 14.

In December 2009, Canada will meet with other nations in Copenhagen to adopt an international treaty to succeed the Kyoto Protocol on global warming. In 2010, the country will also have to report on the progress it has made regarding the UN Convention on Biological Diversity's targets for reducing biodiversity loss. Over the next few years, Canada's government must also formally review its Species at Risk Act, implement a Sustainable Development Act and

"We need a government that will lead when it comes to caring for the finite world that gives us life and sustains us. We've already squandered 20 years since global warming was first recognized as an issue requiring immediate attention."

tackle a number of other crucial environmental issues.

We need a government that will lead when it comes to caring for the finite world that gives us life and sustains us. We've already squandered 20 years since global warming was first recognized as an issue requiring immediate attention!

Even though the environment has at least been on the agenda during this election, pollsters tell us Canadians see the economy and health care as more important. But it's not a matter of one or the other. The health of Canadians depends on a healthy environment, as does a healthy economy. Everything is connected!

We're a bit behind, but we can start to catch up by

Rating products

Energy Star is an international symbol for energy-efficient goods. Rather than rating products along a scale, the Energy Star initiative sets a single standard and awards the Energy Star symbol to products that meet specific technical criteria, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha.

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Business

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In brief

BANK RESCUE Britain will nationalize troubled mortgage lender Bradford & Bingley and is discussing the sale of its savings book and branches, insiders said. The announcement is expected to be made before markets open today.

BANK RESCUE Belgian-Dutch financial group Fortis will be nationalized by Belgium. French bank BNP Paribas had made an informal offer. **REUTERS**

World trade little hit so far

Trade flows are likely to slow this year as consumers, worried about the financial crisis, cut back spending and a cyclical downturn bites into exports and imports, economists said. But the crisis itself has so far had only a moderate impact on trade.

Exports and imports have been slowing since the second quarter after

"It's not a catastrophe, it's a weakening."

Michael Finger, WTO

growing strongly in the first, said Michael Finger, senior economist at the World Trade Organization. "What we know already from the first seven-eight

months is it's not a catastrophe, it's weakening. I don't see any panic or huge changes, it's relatively gradual," he told Reuters.

Trade would be vulnerable to a prolonged seize-up in banks, as commerce is financed by credit, but the slowdown reflects a cyclical downturn rather than the immediate impact of the crisis. **REUTERS**

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Sex show This dream's a reality



REUTERS/ERIC GAILLARD

A woman looks at lingerie at Erotica Dream in Nice, France on the weekend. Organizers of the sex and erotica exhibition, which travels in France, expected 20,000 visitors over three days.

Crisis curbs post-Sept. 11 revitalization

FINANCIAL CRISIS Seven years after the Sept. 11 attacks, troubles on Wall Street may have slowed New York's drive to rebuild the World Trade Center and revitalize Manhattan's downtown.

The financial industry — which drives job growth, office rents and apartment sales prices and rents — will likely take a bite out of the city's economy, experts say. It may even delay rebuilding of the World Trade Centre, which was set to be completed in 2009. **REUTERS**

RIM in downward motion

TECHNOLOGY Shares of Research In Motion Ltd. plunged 28 per cent to \$72.57 Friday after the BlackBerry-maker's second-quarter results showed declining margins on higher marketing and development costs in an increasingly price-competitive sector and a weakened economy.

But several analysts argued investors with a stomach for risk could be witnessing a rare buying opportunity in one of the sector's hottest stocks.

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The Anaheim Ducks officially welcomed back franchise icon Teemu Selanne yesterday, signing the Finnish winger to a two-year contract. Per club policy, terms of the deal were not disclosed. The 38-year-old had 12 goals and 23 points in 26 games last season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Villegas wins PGA Tour Championship

GOLF A bold decision to aim straight for the flag at the tricky par-four 17th helped Colombian Camilo Villegas seal a playoff victory over Sergio Garcia at the Tour Championship on Sunday.

Villegas struck a superb seven-iron approach from the first cut of rough to 12 feet and calmly holed the birdie putt.

That put him level with Garcia, who was playing in the group behind, and the Colombian went on to par the 18th hole twice in succession to edge out the Spaniard for the title.

"Probably the shot of the tournament right there," Villegas told reporters of his second shot at the 455-yard 17th.

REUTERS

A tale of two teams

Superb pitching, inconsistent offence leave Jays at 86-76

Blue Jays 10 Orioles 1

A couple of weeks after it had effectively ended, the Blue Jays' 2008 season came to a close in clammy Baltimore yesterday.

A lopsided 10-1 victory over the miserable Orioles takes Toronto's final record to 86-76, 11 games back of surprise division winners Tampa Bay.

The optimistic take on the year? The Jays finished 10 games over .500 and the offence can only get better. The pessimist's view? They finished fourth in a division that will only get tougher next year and the pitching can't possibly repeat.

The season was punctuated by optimistic peaks and deflating valleys. Com-



Joe Inglett, left, gives fellow Jay Vernon Wells a pat on the helmet at home plate after Wells hit a three-run home run off in the fifth inning of Toronto's 10-1 win yesterday in Baltimore.

ing out of spring training, playoff hopes ran high in the clubhouse.

"Our team is built to win now," Vernon Wells said hours before the season started at Yankee Stadium

six months ago.

"Long, frustrating," Wells said yesterday of the season. "Just another year that we didn't excel like we thought we would."

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Roddick takes China Open

Former world No. 1 Andy Roddick edged Dudi Sela in three sets to win the final of the China Open at the Beijing Tennis Center yesterday. The second-seeded Roddick picked up his 26th ATP title and third this year with a 6-4, 6-7 (6-8), 6-3 victory over the Israeli Sela, who played in his first ATP final.

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Sports in brief

NFL Brett Favre set a career-high with six touchdown passes as the New York Jets outgunned Arizona, 56-35, at the Meadowlands. The veteran signal caller had thrown five TDs three prior times, but not since September, 1998 when he was with Green Bay.

NFL Nate Kaeding hit a 47-yard field goal with under two min-

utes to play and the San Diego Chargers overcame a 15-point halftime deficit with 25 fourth-quarter points to clip the Raiders 28-18 in Oakland.

FORMULA 1 Renault's Fernando Alonso ended a year-long winless streak by taking the Singapore Grand Prix, the first Formula One race run at night, yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS	TODAY'S GAMES	NFL
AMERICAN LEAGUE	AMERICAN LEAGUE	WEEK 4
Toronto 10 Baltimore 1	Detroit at Chicago Sox, 2:05	SUNDAY'S GAMES
Chicago 5 x Cleveland 1	Buffalo 31 St. Louis 14	Carolina 24 Atlanta 9
L.A. Angels 7 Texas 0	Minnesota 30 Houston 27 (OT)	Cleveland 20 Cincinnati 12
Minnesota 6 Kansas City 0	Kansas City 33 Denver 19	NY. Jets 56 Arizona 35
N.Y. Yankees 6 Boston 2 (1st gm)	New Orleans 31 San Francisco 17	San Diego 28 Oakland 18
Seattle 4 Oakland 3	Tampa Bay 30 Green Bay 21	Tampa Bay 30 Green Bay 21
Tampa Bay 8 Detroit 7 (11 ings)	Jacksonville 30 Houston 27	Carolina 24 Atlanta 9
Pittsburgh 8 Boston (2nd gm)	Kansas City 33 Denver 19	Cleveland 20 Cincinnati 12
NATIONAL LEAGUE	Montreal 9 4 0 18	NY. Jets 56 Arizona 35
Arizona 2 Colorado 1	Winnipeg 5 8 0 10	San Diego 28 Oakland 18
Florida 4 N.Y. Mets 2	Toronto 4 9 0 8	Tampa Bay 30 Green Bay 21
Houston 3 Atlanta 1	Hamilton 2 11 0 4	Carolina 24 Atlanta 9
Milwaukee 3 Chicago Cubs 1	WEEK 14	Cleveland 20 Cincinnati 12
Philadelphia 8 Washington 3	Calgary 9 4 0 18	SUNDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh 6 San Diego 1	B.C. 8 5 0 16	Tennessee 30 Minnesota 17
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Workology



Lindros' legacy

Recently, the London Health Sciences Centre's University Hospital unveiled the signage of its Lindros Legacy Research building, named after former NHL star Eric Lindros. Last November, Lindros contributed \$5-million to the facility. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The cat man of Parliament Hill

OddJobs

Diane Peters



most days to feed the cats, do maintenance on their homes and both chat and play with the hundreds of visitors who stop by every day.

He rarely misses a day, although snow sometimes keeps him from leaving his downtown apartment, where he has seven cats of his own. "I cannot live without a cat," he says. "I've always loved them."

The descendants of the cat colony worked inside the Parliament Buildings doing natural pest control until chemicals took over their job in the 1950s. Put outside, they were cared for by various hill staff until, in the 1970s, a local woman named Irene Desormeaux gave them food and some boxes to live in. Chartrand began helping out.



René Chartrand, the so-called cat man.

and shots every year) help, too.

In recent years, a group of eight local residents has begun helping Chartrand. They come early in the morning with food and when he arrives at two, he feeds them again (if he doesn't make it, everyone knows they've eaten for sure). They help with things like the shoveling.

They're also consciously letting the cat colony peter out. A few years ago, there were 28 cats, now just a dozen remain. When people drop kittens on the hill or a new stray comes into the group, they bring it to the local Humane Society for adoption (or take it in themselves — everyone involved in this project has a couple felines at home).

None of them sees them-

The Lowdown

Job title: Cat Man

Salary: Volunteer; chips in to help offset the \$6,000 annual cost of keeping the cats.

Education/training: A love of cats; helps if you can build and fix things.

Best Part of the Job: "To be here every day."

Worst Part of the Job: "I hate to go home."

selves as Chartrand's successor in this job: He's the one who knows both official languages and who effortlessly acts as cat ambassador as well as cat lover. "Taking care of these cats is all I have to do. I'm in love with them."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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OTTAWA, ON — A unique event was announced yesterday by CarConnect, an Ottawa based pre-owned car dealership. This two week credit and sales event will run from Monday September 29th to Saturday October 11th, where customers will have a chance to secure the financing for the vehicle of their choice for only \$19* down. This event will only run for the two weeks regardless of weather, so everyone is invited to stop by rain or shine.

Joe Barake of CarConnect described the sale as an opportunity for the public to take advantage of the sale prices on both domestic and import vehicles and the unique financing option of driving home a car for a shockingly low down payment of only \$19* based on lender approval and credit worthiness. "Due to the high gas prices we've been buying our stock at all time low prices which we'd like to pass on to our customers. We have many makes and models of cars, trucks, vans, and SUVs," Barake explains, "This includes many lease return vehicles with low kilometers, most of which still come with their factory warranties."

Another benefit of this credit and sales event is the additional perks offered by CarConnect. For the two week period, all cars come with a **FREE** CarFax history report, as well as the choice of either a **FREE 2 YEAR Powertrain warranty** (valued at \$1,299) or a **FREE Final-Coat rustproofing module** including a **7 YEAR** rust warranty (valued at \$1,299). Dante DiPenta, manager, mentions that this should ease the fears of buying pre-owned vehicles. "The CarFax report will provide the history of the car, and the added value choice of free warranties will ensure a worry free future for the vehicle."

Some examples of vehicles available during this credit and sales event include a **2008 Hyundai Accent** (with 12,000km) for just \$19* DOWN and payments of just \$55* weekly or a **2005 Pontiac Montana SV6** (with DVD) for \$19* Down and payments of just \$55* weekly OAC. CarConnect is affiliated with many national banks and financing institutions and will work to secure a favorable payment plan for customers of any credit background. Shoppers will need to fill out a simple application, obtain credit approval, pick a vehicle, and choose a payment that they will be comfortable with. For the customers wishing to upgrade or trade in their current vehicle, all trades are welcome.

DiPenta re-iterates that this event will run for two weeks only between Monday September 29th and Saturday October 11th, and encourages customers to visit the dealership early to ensure they secure the vehicle of their choice.

Located at 2670 Stevenage Drive (at the Hawthorne Road intersection) in the south-east end of Ottawa, CarConnect is easily accessible via the Walkley Road 417 exit or Hunt Club Road. For more information on this credit and sales event please call 613-737-6534 or email event@carconnect.com. Pre-registrations for the credit event will be accepted by phone or email (event@carconnect.com) for those customers wishing to ensure credit approval by the event start date.

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Workers share weirdest jobs, A-Z

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- B - Bartender at the Liberace mansion
- C - Cat nanny
- D - Donkey trainer
- E - Elf at Santa's workshop
- F - FBI Fingerprint examiner
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- H - Hurricane hunter
- I - Ice sculpture carver
- J - Junk mail machine operator
- K - Kitty litter box decorator
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Depression destroying work?

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Depression in the workplace can devastate employee productivity, but few companies take the time to understand or combat it.

"Most companies don't have mental health policies," said Heather Stuart, a researcher at Queen's University funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

Dr. Scott Patten, a professor at the University of Calgary who also leads research funded by the CIHR, studies how mental disorders affect the workplace. He says depression is now the leading productivity-killer at work.

"The emerging consensus now is that depression is the leading cause of disability in the workplace," Patten said.

Though it may not be nearly as visible as other forms of disability, depression can have a profound effect on workers, from slowed thinking patterns and problems with memory to disrupted sleep and the inability to concentrate. Eventually, Patten says, depression can lead



Depression is now considered to be the No. 1 productivity killer in the workplace.

to a vicious cycle of negative thinking that can feel impossible to escape.

"It basically removes people's ability to derive pleasure from any activity, including work," Patten said.

Dr. Emile Tompa, a health and labour economist and researcher at the Institute for Work and Health, says many employers tend to ignore depression, or put it completely separate from physical health issues. He suggests employers need to look a lot more closely at how depression might be impacting their employees, particularly because a greater number of jobs revolve

"Most people would rather lose a limb than lose their minds."

Heather Stuart

around mental, rather than physical, work.

"Depression and mental health issues are a growing concern for the labour force and employers. As we move towards a more service-based economy, mental acuity and being engaged in your work are factors that have an increasing impact on productivity," Tompa said.

A lot of unavoidable factors can impact an employee's mental state, from family problems to

work issues to just simple bad days, but Patten says it is usually the less tangible things that lead to full-blown depression.

"A lot of people complain they are faced with a lot of responsibilities they don't have the resources to face. A faster pace, more stressful work, people working harder but not being recognized or rewarded for it — it can create an imbalance in people's lives," Patten said.

Stuart says the issue is made worse by the fact that many people suffering from mental health issues like depression are often afraid to reveal them to their employers for fear of being ridiculed or stereotyped by co-workers or superiors.

"The general public still harbours stereotypes about mental illness. Most people would rather lose a limb than lose their minds. There's an issue of hope — I think when people get a mental health issue they lose hope. But they can get better. People don't realize how treatable mental illnesses are these days," Stuart said.

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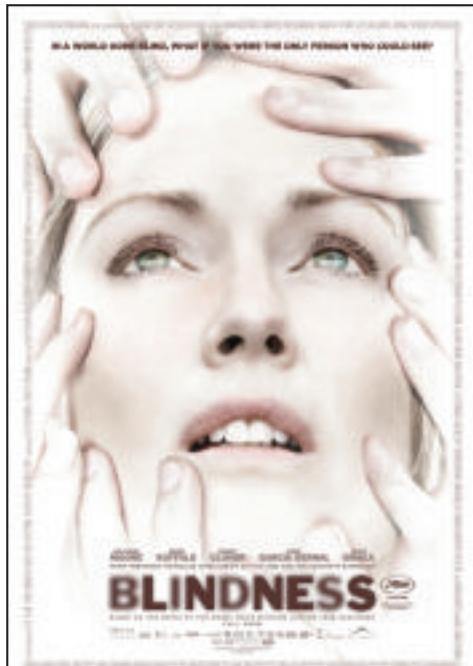
A self portrait drawn in lipstick by supermodel Kate Moss has been sold to an anonymous buyer for US\$62,000 in London. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

Entertainment

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Entertainment in brief

BOX OFFICE Following are the top 5 films at the weekend box office: 1. Eagle Eye, US\$29.2 million; 2. Nights in Rodanthe, \$13.6 million; 3. Lakeview Terrace, \$7.0 million; 4. Fireproof, \$6.5 million; 5. Burn After Reading, \$6.2 million. **REUTERS**



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Lone Ranger

George Clooney is reportedly set to star as *The Lone Ranger*, joining Johnny Depp in the big-screen adaptation of the long-running 1950s TV show, according to British tabloid reports. **IMDB.COM**

Death of a legend

Paul Newman remembered

The death of film legend Paul Newman sparked an outpouring of reaction over the weekend with friends remembering the Oscar winner for his cool acting style and his warm, charitable heart.

Newman, known for roles in films including *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *The Hustler*, *The Sting*, and *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, died at his Westport, Conn., home Friday night at age 83 after a long battle with cancer. His wife of 50 years, Joanne Woodward, and family were at his side.

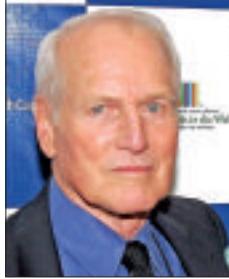
Friends and associates remembered his talent that earned Newman nine Oscar nominations, his passion for auto racing and his philanthropy through

such causes as his Newman's Own Foundation and Hole-In-the-Wall camps for sick children.

"There is a point where feelings go beyond words," said Robert Redford, his longtime friend and co-star in *Butch Cassidy* and *The Sting*. "I have lost a real friend. My life — and this country — is better for his being in it."

"He comes from that era of actors along with the Deans, Brandos and Clifts that I, that we all looked at, as actors who changed the art form," said Leonardo DiCaprio.

Eva Marie Saint, who starred with Newman in *Exodus*, said: "Yes, his eyes were that blue and beautiful. ... His legacy as a hu-



Paul Newman died Friday.

Newman facts

- Newman was nominated for nine Oscars and won the best actor award for *The Color of Money* in 1986.
- Newman's Own food line generated more than US\$200 million for charity.
- Married since 1958 to actress Joanne Woodward, he had one of Hollywood's rare enduring marriages.

manitarian for children around the world is unmatched."

Indeed, in 1982 Newman co-founded Newman's Own food products and decided to funnel much of his profits to charity. Along with philanthropy, Newman was active in liberal political causes and former U.S. President Bill Clinton and

Sen. Hillary Clinton offered their condolences.

"Paul was an American icon, philanthropist and champion for children," the Clintons said. "Our prayers and thoughts are with Joanne and the Newman family and the many people who Paul impacted through his endless kindness and generosity."

REUTERS

Stopping to take stock of your life

My grandmother had a saying, "If you don't take stock, how do you know when you're running low?" Remembering those words always makes me think. Mostly, I think, "What the heck was the old woman talking about?"

Possibly, what grandma meant was that every so often we should take time to ask ourselves important life questions. Do a little self-assessment.

Traditionally, the time to take stock of our lives is

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when we make New Years resolutions. I've made many resolutions over the years and I'm happy to say I've kept every one. Mainly, I've kept them in the bottom drawer of my desk where I don't have to look at them.

But today I'm taking grandma's advice and I invite you to do the same.

Career: My crowning achievement this year was training my family not to interrupt when I'm working. I did this by saying, "Let me read you what I'm working on," every time they came near.

Finances: So far, a significant part of my savings portfolio is made up of whatever I find under the sofa cushions.

Going green: My friend, Rob, claims he's cut his personal water consumption by half by substituting soda in his scotch. For myself, I didn't get around to

getting a backyard composter, but I think the pile of laundry in the basement has started to decompose.

Personal satisfaction: I've got love and work enough and what else do we need? Except for nice shoes. And gossip magazines. Oh, and Twizzlers. I love those. And.

But overall, I'd say I've achieved the ultimate goal of anyone trying to make it in this challenging world. I'm still standing.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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Donovan divorces

Actor Tate Donovan's divorce from wife Corinne Kingsbury, was finalized last month. The former O.C. star filed for divorce back in December after almost two years of marriage. **PEOPLE.COM**

BookPicks**Supreme Courtship**

Author: Christopher Buckley
Publisher: Grand Central
Price: \$27.99 (Hardcover)

From the author of political satire *Thank You For Smoking* comes a new comic look inside the highest legislative body in the United States — the Supreme Court. A justice vacancy leaves President Donald Vanderdamp the responsibility of finding a replacement. When senator Dexter Mitchell dismisses President Vanderdamp's nominees, the leader takes action to get a big name onto an even bigger bench. He calls on Judge Judy-esque Texan Judge Pepper Cartwright from TV's *Courtroom Six* to step up to the bar. Her celebrity battles tradition in a novel where Buckley, a former speechwriter for George H.W. Bush, continues his satirical representation of Capitol Hill.

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entertainment 17**Unhealthy debate?****LIKE BOXING WITHOUT KNOCKOUTS:**

Political debates, like awards shows, are the worst kinds of television that can actually deliver ratings that better programs dream of getting; the notable exception to this rule being the Emmys, which creates its own rule — people love watching TV, but hate watching people get awards for making TV. But I digress.

Republican presidential candidate John McCain followed his Democratic opponent Barack Obama at the top of last Friday's first U.S. presidential debate with a downbeat announcement that Senator Ted Kennedy was in the hospital, and went on to admit that "I've been not feeling too great about a lot of things lately."

He might have been striving to be honest — a questionable tactic for a politician — or bogart the emotional Q factor from Obama, but his elegiac bummer gambit was a sackcloth robe compared to his opponent's shiny space suit set of solutions.

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Even if you're well-informed about the real issues at hand, or steeped in partisan sentiment and unlikely to budge by the time you cast your ballot, the U.S. presidential debates are pageants of style and sentiment whose effect and appeal almost supersede the geography of facts or party loyalty. Both candidates took credit for being Casandras of the economic crisis that set the agenda for the debate, warning of trouble to come. Both men favour tax cuts, and the financial bailout, but as sure as regret follows a binge, the inevitable "but..." transforms the momentary illusion of consensus into the usual ideological Babel.

L.A. Weekly columnist Nikki Fink reported this

weekend that the major movie studios have put part of the blame for this weekend's substandard opening box office on the debates; whatever you think about the style or substance of the debates, the idea that an appreciable percentage of 18-34-year-olds stayed home on Friday night to watch the presidential debates can't help but cautiously rekindle the dim embers of civic optimism.

If McCain walked away from the debates with any real advantage visible to the disinterested observer it was a few zingers ("It's hard to reach across the aisle from that far left.")

In any case, Thursday's vice-presidential debates are likely to be the style battle that will pull in ratings, and the movie studios should probably be grateful that they aren't taking place a day later.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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critics' corner**Worst Week**

This new episode is for the birds, literally. When Sam (Kyle Bornheimer) tries to repair all of the damage he did to his reputation last week and win Dick's (Kurtwood Smith) approval by charming Angela (Nancy Lenehan), his plan backfires when Dick's prized birds take wing. Maybe things will get better when he meets the rest of Mel's (Erinn Hayes) family. Umm, right. 9:30 PM on 18 E! CBS

**Mr. President**

Hail to the chief — Hollywood style. This new documentary focuses on film and television versions of the president of the United States, such as the commanders in chief such as those played by Harrison Ford, Dennis Haysbert and Geena Davis. The questions it raises are interesting: Do fictional female or minority presidents open voters' minds to the possibility of the real thing? And are Hollywood presidents giving the real thing too much to live up to? 10 PM on 26 NW

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Gervais to meet Oscar?
Comedian Ricky Gervais has been tipped to host next year's Academy Awards, after his laugh-raising stint at the recent Emmy Awards. [IMDB.COM](#)

Celebrity Buzz

Johansson and Reynolds wed

MARRIAGE Officially tying the knot, actors Scarlett Johansson and Ryan Reynolds exchanged vows during a Canadian wedding over the weekend, [celeb-gossip.net](#) reports.

According to an Us magazine insider, the "small wedding took place at a remote wilderness resort outside Vancouver, with the limited guest list including Scarlett's mother, Melanie Sloan, and her brother,

Adrian Johansson." Announcing their engagement back in May, the couple have been dating ever since Reynolds, 31, broke off his engagement with singer Alanis Morissette in February 2007.

"I believe in finding a soul mate. I've always been in monogamous relationships. I would never want to be in an open one. It'd be too awful," Johansson said.

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Moore's fake husband

INTERNET Julianne Moore is waging an online battle with a mystery man who claims he was once married to her, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The Oscar nominee is baffled by a posting on the Internet Movie Database which claims she was married to Sundar Chakravarthy from 1983-1985. And she wants the world to know she has never met the web phantom.

"I was in an interview, and a journalist said, 'You've been married three times.' And I said, 'No.' She said, 'It's on the Internet,' so I checked it out," Moore says. "There's a person online who claims to have been married to me from 1983 to 1985. His name is Sundar

Chakravarthy. I've never heard of him."

Moore's real husbands are John Gould Rubin, whom she divorced in 1995, and her current spouse Bart Freundlich.

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Rihanna has designs on more than umbrellas

FASHION Rihanna is set to follow in the footsteps of fellow pop star Gwen Stefani and launch her own clothing line, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

The singer, who is a frequent front-row guest at runway shows, has confirmed she is working on her own designs.

Rihanna has already dabbed in the accessories industry — she put her name to a range of umbrellas earlier this year to coincide with her international hit of the same name.

"I can't say when it will be released, but it's definitely going to happen. I'm not one to rush into anything. I want to take my time," she tells fashion publication WWD.

Earlier this year, Rihanna hinted she was pondering a fashion line, saying, "There might be a clothing line on the horizon, maybe underwear."

The star has also previously teamed up with retail chain H&M to design a range of casualwear as part of the Fashion Against Aids campaign.

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Oprah dismisses Carey appearance

GOSSIP Oprah Winfrey has dismissed reports Mariah Carey has cancelled an appearance on her U.S. chat show on Friday, when she was allegedly set to announce she is pregnant, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

The pop singer was rumoured to have booked an appearance on the show to share the news that she is expecting her first child with husband Nick Cannon, according to Internet reports.

But a representative from

Winfrey's production company, Harpo, insists there are no scheduled plans to have Carey on the show either now or in the immediate future.

Meanwhile, Carey's spokesperson has shot down claims the star is pregnant — a rumour that has plagued her since exchanging vows with Cannon in April after a whirlwind romance.

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Mario Lopez pens children's book

BOOKS Actor Mario Lopez has become the latest star to pen a children's book, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The former Saved By The Bell star has written Mud Taco with his sister Marissa, about his experiences growing up.

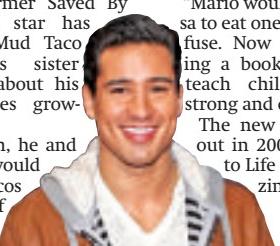
"For fun, he and Marissa would make tacos out of mud in

the backyard, substituting worms for cheese, grass for lettuce and mud for meat," a source says.

"Mario would dare Marissa to eat one, but she'd refuse. Now they're writing a book about it to teach children to be strong and creative."

The new book is due out in 2009, according to Life + Style magazine.

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Celebrity briefs

Locklear arrested on DWI suspicion

ARREST Actress Heather Locklear was arrested Saturday on suspicion of driving while impaired, [TMZ.com](#) reports. Locklear was pulled over while driving in the Santa Barbara, Calif., area.

Law enforcement officers have told TMZ alcohol was not involved, however they are conducting tests to determine if Locklear was under the influence of drugs. She was released on her own recognizance yesterday, without having to post bail.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Ryan Reynolds and Scarlett Johansson have gotten hitched. We can only hope, for the sake of their publicists and our own prurient curiosities, that it is the first of many miserable and publicly contentious marriages for both of them.

The wedding was a small affair that took place at a remote wilderness resort near Vancouver with a limited guest list that included Bambi, Thumper, Friend Owl, Legolas, Bilbo Baggins, Gollum, the entire cast of The Blair Witch Project, and Bigfoot. It is unknown at this time who was holding the shotgun.

Johansson is American, Reynolds is Canadian. I'm no lawyer, but when an American gets married in Canada and isn't gay, does it even count?

This marriage has taken me by surprise. I thought that the Van Wilder guy would have enough common sense not to cross his ex **Alanis Morissette** like that.

Doherty claims she was vilified

CELEBRITY Shannen Doherty "cried herself to sleep" when negative stories were written about her, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

The actress, who shot to fame playing Brenda Walsh in '90s TV series Beverly Hills, 90210, attracted unwanted attention as rumours of her on-set spats with the show's cast and party-loving lifestyle began to surface.

Doherty, 37, claims she was unfairly vilified as she was just behaving like any other teenager. "I got raked over the coals. Many nights I cried myself to sleep over that stuff," Doherty said.

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As for his bride, I understood that ScarJo was too busy advising **Barack Obama** on election strategy to get married. If Obama wins, will she be able to balance a new marriage and a cabinet position?

I give it eight months based on annoying personal habits. He flares his nostrils even more than **Rob Lowe** does every time he speaks, and she talks as though she's got a piece of steaming-hot boiled potato in her mouth. It's doomed.

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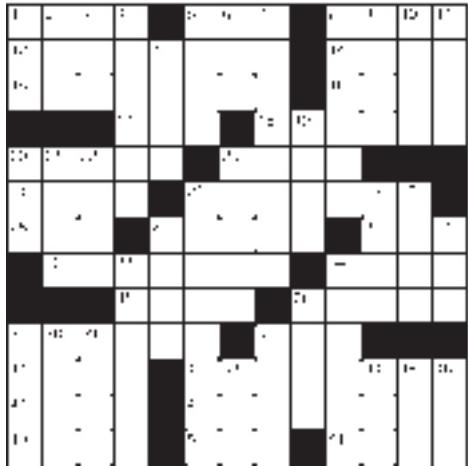
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Recipe of the day



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Asian Pork and Cabbage Rolls

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (500 g) extra-lean ground pork
1 cup (250 mL) canned water chestnuts, drained and finely chopped
2 tsp (10 mL) five-spice powder
1 tbsp (15 mL) finely grated fresh ginger
2 scallions, finely chopped
2 tbsp (25 mL) soy sauce
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 egg, beaten
8 large green cabbage leaves
2 cups (500 mL) hot reduced-sodium chicken broth
2 tsp (10 mL) flour
1 tsp (5 mL) chili sauce, or to taste (optional)
Garnish: Curled strips of scallion

centre of each cabbage leaf, then wrap leaf to enclose the filling.

3. Pour broth into the bottom section of large steamer. Arrange cabbage rolls, join side down, in one layer in top section. Cover and steam for 15 minutes or until the cabbage is tender and rolls are firm when pressed. Remove top section from the steamer and keep cabbage rolls hot.
4. Mix flour with 2 tbsp (25 mL) water, then stir into broth. Bring to a boil and simmer, stirring constantly, until slightly thickened. Add chili sauce if desired.
5. Serve cabbage rolls with sauce spooned over and sprinkled with curls of scallion.

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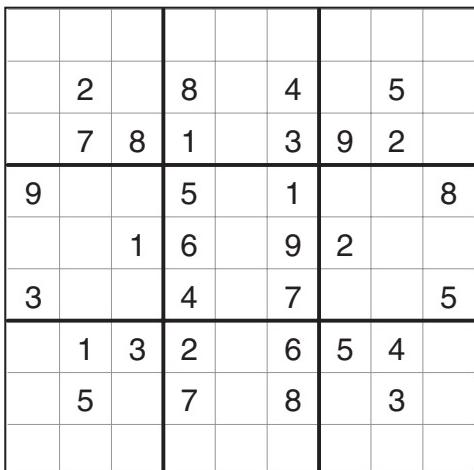
1. Place pork in a bowl and add water chestnuts, five-spice powder, ginger, scallions, soy sauce, garlic and egg. Mix thoroughly with your hands, then divide into 8 equal portions.
2. Cut tough stalks from cabbage leaves with sharp knife. Place some pork mixture in

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You can enjoy strange events in weird places. Don't worry about habits that are of no concern. A man's desperate plan can be easily pulled off.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A relative brings you joy and laughter. Tell the truth or you'll be caught in a foolhardy lie. A chance for success is fulfilled by taking a risk.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A debate will have you chuckling, if you heed advice. A co-worker tells an incredible story. Spend more time tending to your promises.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The support of your friends improves a situation. Somebody's phoning will get irritating. Think hard before having a harsh reaction.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Focus on making a plan for your destiny. You'll get honest praise when you earn it. A nice man calls with good news.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A peculiar tale is a distraction in the face of chaos. Emotional support is only a phone call away. Take notes whenever someone complains.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
No intervention is needed in a doubtful situation. You reveal the truth in spite of your desire to hide. You'll be aware of your effect on other people.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A major relationship obstacle will be obliterated. An earth-shaking announcement is important to a traveller. Look around to find private space.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Satisfaction comes from thrilling visitors. Inspire hope in a gloomy girl. Don't be ashamed of a guilty reaction.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't give your power away by being angry. Discreetly explain the ending of an association. Someone's disappointment results from your message.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Be serious when it comes to being honest. Strong words are said to someone who matters. Avoid over-medication when you're weary and ill.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
It's time to do the right thing. Start preparations to enhance a group's prestige. Show appreciation for an older man's help.

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